



An Attitude of Gratitude



In honor of the first anniversary of the Unit System at EMSH, the Inpatient Services Division, Oya Hampton, Division Director, Unit Directors, and Miranda Gonzalez, Administrative Assistant, hosted an Appreciation Luncheon for the Unit Administrative Assistants who have served on Main Campus during a transitory process that began in February 2012. The luncheon, which was a surprise, was held to thank them for the invaluable contributions to the success of this process, and to also remind them that the AA position is an intricate part of the continued success of EMSH's overall mission.

Sheila Newbaker, now Unit Director for 2 North, but Unit Director at Lewis 2 during the changeover, had this to say about Unit Administrative Assistants: "The AAs do so much for their staff that they are certainly deserving of recognition and appreciation for it. When EMSH began this system last year, Mr. Carlisle told the new Unit Directors that AAs could either make you or break you. This is so true, and I can attest that my AA, Alice Manuel, *makes* me! She assists me with reports, deadlines, and all the day-to-day tasks of running the unit. She not only assists me, but anyone else on the unit! Alice was hired as a new employee one year ago, but you would never guess it. She has become so knowledgeable about EMSH policy and procedure that one would think she has been here for years!"

James Murphy, Unit Director of 3 South, has equal praises for his Unit AA, Candy Davidson. Following the appreciation luncheon, James remarked, "I know personally that Candy has been a tremendous help to our unit. She has been a quick learner and always has a great attitude. I know also that all of the AAs in Inpatient services share the same traits. I am well aware that this boat would not float without the wonderful AAs that our units have been blessed with. They are all rightly deserving of any accolades they receive, and they are truly appreciated."

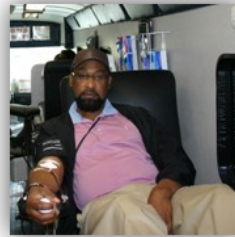


During Holy Week, Chaplains Operton and Frazier were faithful to their calling as they offered communion to those on the Units and at BASAC, and invited everyone to worship with them on Sunday, March 31st. "We served communion to a total of 180 IRS; had 65 IRS attend Easter services; and administered Holy Baptism to 4 IRS," remarked Chaplain Frazier as she and Chaplain Operton shared the excitement of a blessed Easter. Earlier this spring, the Maintenance Department constructed a cross for the Chapel to have during the Lenten season and IRS enjoyed watching the drapings change as they worshiped throughout the 40 days of Lent. From purple,

to black, to white, the colors faced the East so that all could gather around and await a SONrise.



United Blood Services



The United Blood Services Bloodmobile is a common sight on ESMH's Main Campus and at JTC during the calendar year, and for those employees who are passionate about "giving the gift of life," it is a welcome sight!

On Monday, March 18th, twenty-six co-workers enthusiastically made the trek to "the bus" and at the end of the day, UBS's Cheryl Reed called to say that all goals set for our Spring Blood Drive had been met and that she had secured four movie passes to give away in two drawings of two each from the donors' names. On Thursday, March 21st, Mr. Ward Calhoun and Mr. Fred Edminston, local historians who were at ESMH for a tour, drew Johnny Tinsley's and Virginia Vincent's names as recipients of the movie passes. Johnny, a twenty-one time blood donor, won in the ESMH drawing and Virginia, an eight time blood donor who finally had gotten her iron "up" after being declined for the past few blood drives, won in the JTC/RPW drawing. Neither had any idea that they were "going to the movies" until the passes were delivered. Now, with two passes each, Johnny and Virginia will need a movie buddy so why not call and say, "Take me and I'll buy the popcorn!"

BIRTHDAYS

1st ~ Diane Nobles
Inpatient Services
3rd ~ Donald Griggs
Professional Development
4th ~ Ruby Mosley
Community Services
5th ~ JoAnn Cole
2 North
5th ~ Patricia Hooker
Housekeeping
8th ~ Carolyn Staten
Recreation
9th ~ Susie Broadhead
Public Information
9th ~ Toni Long
Lewis 2
9th ~ Charles Davis
Housekeeping
9th ~ Elgene Ford
2 North
10th ~ Wanda Scarbrough
RPW
13th ~ Paris Hopson
Lewis 4



Tuesday, March 19, 2013 was a **red letter** day for EAST MS STATE HOSPITAL. Assistant Director Larry McKnight announced that after being in existence for 131 years that at 11:05 a.m., we had applied to become Joint Commission Accredited.

The annual Service Awards ceremonies also took place on March 19th along with a retirement ceremony honoring employees who have retired since November 2012. FRIENDS sponsored both events by hosting a luncheon and pinning ceremony at Northwood Country Club for 20, 25, 30,

and 35 year employees. An afternoon ceremony in B Building was held where 5, 10, and 15 year employees received certificates and/or pins for their continuous years of service in 2012. Shown here is Howard Sims who is "all smiles" at the luncheon because he knows that a 35 year pin will shortly be his.



Toni Daum, an honored retiree, is flanked by fellow co-workers James Murphy and Vonie Stillson following their roasting and toasting of her many years at ESMH.

